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Re: Continuation Patent Application  
(Continuation of U.S. application no. 10/121,683)  
Appl. No.: to be assigned  
Filed: herewith  
For: Novel Compounds with Analgesic Effect  
Inventor(s): Pelcman, *et al.*  
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Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. A copy of application no. 10/121,683, as filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 15, 2002, comprising:

a title page naming Benjamin Pelcman and Edward Roberts  
as inventors (unnumbered)  
51 pages of specification (numbered as pages 1-51),  
12 pages of claims (numbered as pages 52-63), and  
a one page abstract (numbered as page 64); and

2. A copy of the originally executed Declaration (37 C.F.R. § 1.63) and Power of Attorney filed in predecessor application 09/029,468 (4 pages);
3. Preliminary Amendment (3 pages);
4. A copy of the originally executed and recorded Assignment to Astra Pharma Inc. filed in the parent application (4 pages);
5. A copy of the recorded Merger document assigning rights from Astra Pharma Inc. to AstraZeneca Canada Inc. (6 pages); and
6. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
7. Form PTO-1449, List of References Cited by Applicant (2 pages);
8. Two (2) return postcards.

This application is a continuation of U.S. application no. 10/121,683, filed on April 15, 2002, which is a division of U.S. application no. 09/645,565, filed on August 25, 2000 (now U.S. 6,399,635). The '565 application is a division of U.S. application 09/029,468, filed on March 3, 1998 (now U.S. patent 6,153,626). The '468 application represented U.S. national phase of PCT/SE97/02051, with an international filing date of December 9, 1997, and claims priority to Swedish application no. 9604786-5, filed on December 20, 1996.

The entire disclosure of the prior applications, from which an oath or declaration is being supplied herewith in copy form, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), the present continuation application is being filed under the conditions specified in 35 U.S.C. § 120. The inventors named on this continuation application are the same as the inventors named on the parent, and the application is being filed before the patenting, or abandonment of, or termination of proceedings of the parent application (10/121,683).

We are submitting an Information Disclosure Statement which cites references originally submitted in connection with the parent application (09/121,683), and the predecessor applications. The present application relies upon 09/121,683 for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed references are not being submitted. If, for



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any reason, the Examiner cannot locate a listed reference, Applicants will be happy to submit a copy as a courtesy.

#### Fee Calculation

Applicants calculate the filing fee is as follows:

	Total		No. Extra	Rate	Fee
Basic Filing Fee					750.00
Total Claims Fee	35	20=	15	\$ 18.00	270.00
Independent Claims Fee	13	3 =	10	\$ 84.00	840.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Fee				\$ 280.00	280.00
TOTAL FEES DUE					\$ 2,140.00

The application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 without the filing fee.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed postpaid postcards be stamped with the serial number and the date the enclosed documents are received by the PTO and that they be returned as soon as possible.

Respectfully requested,

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